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In re Application of

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Title: METHOD OF SCANNING A RECORDING DISC FOR DEFECTS, AND RECORDING DEVICE FOR RECORDING INFORMATION ON A DISC-SHAPED RECORDING MEDIUM

Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

[Signature] Please amend the claims as follows:

4. (Amended) A method as claimed in Claim 2, wherein said predetermined period of time lies in a range from approximately 50 μ s to approximately 75 μ s, and is preferably approximately 60 μ s.

5. (Amended) A method of examining a record carrier (1) for the presence of spot defects (12; 13), the method comprising the following steps:

- a) examining the integrity of predetermined test tracks (2T) of the record carrier (1), preferably by means of a method as claimed in Claim 1;
- b) examining the integrity of tracks (2) adjacent the relevant test track (2T2; 2T3) each time that upon the examination a test track (2T2; 2T3) appears to be defective, in order to determine in this